

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins, do you wish recognition?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I would like to ask Senator Vickers if he is in the body, if he is the Chamber, could he respond to a question. Senator Vickers, are you here?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Vickers, your amendment tells that if crew members should have an accident of unfortunate nature occur, they would have been unable to notify emergency personnel in order that proper precautionary measures be taken? That is correct?

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, all my amendment does, Senator Higgins, is reinstate "common carriers" back in the bill.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, let me ask you a question then. When a railroad or a train delivers hazardous material, where do they deliver it? To a depot?

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, in...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Do they dump it right there on the ground?

SENATOR VICKERS: There are different ways. In some instances it probably is pumped over into a permanent tank right along the tracks and maybe in other instances it might be pumped into a tank truck and then trucked off somewhere else.

SENATOR HIGGINS: In other words, when the railroads deliver the hazardous material, if it is going to be delivered somewhere else where trains don't run, the only other way to transport it would be by some type of a trailer truck?

SENATOR VICKERS: Depending on the material, yes, that would be some sort of a truck, I would assume. Correct. Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: But they don't just drop them on the ground, is what I am getting at?

SENATOR VICKERS: Right. They don't ride them off, yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So your other trucks and everything would